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妄想架空激情 禁断の園

Spandex Stuck to Skin "The Secret at the Rocky Point in Summer"

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Feeling the growing erection he starts to sport, Ryuuji tries to hide it by not getting out of the water
What should he do at a time like this?!
His mind made up, Ryuuji grabs Kazui's trunks and yanks them down
"The hell!!"
"You might as well get your entire body sunburnt too."

Two bodies glide [illegible] the shimmering water, Ryuuji and Kazui swim toward a desired rock call.
Splash! Kazui sends up a spray of water.
"I win! Phew, long-d[illegible] swimming is so tiring."
Ryuuji arrives shortly th[illegible], his finds himself mesmerized by the rising and falling of Kazui's chest. He also sees peeking out from Kazui's trunks that have slid a little out of place, a little bit of pale skin untouched by the sun. As if with a mind of it's own Ryuuji's finger sneaks out to gently touched the light skin
"Wh- what the hell?"
"Or Nothing."

Tackling Kazui, Ryuuji pushes him up against the rocks. Pretending to play the fool with him, Ryuuji presses his arousal against Kazui's exposed ass.
[The only thing separating their bodies is one thin piece of spandex. (If I move even just a little, I won't be able to hold it in.)]
Despite that, Kazui still feels the heat from Ryuuji's arousal. Even though they share only the barest minimum contact, their breaths quicken and both soon begin breathing heavily. (Seriously, I'm going to come!)
At that moment, Kazui slides free, arms first, from Ryuuji. Creating a great splash of water, he ducks under the water surface. Ryuuji, groin aching, is left on the surface barely in control of his body. Hugging his knees, Ryuuji watches Kazui do a front crawl. (A technique for swimming, e.g. like breast stroke.)
"I wonder... if I've done something he won't forgive me for."
Not hearing what Ryuuji mutters to himself, Kazui resurfaces from the water and raises a thumbs-up high into the air to Ryuuji.

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The midsummer sun's rays enter the courtyard. Umehara of the school's art club is commanded to do weeding as a punishment with Mizue, a classmate he doesn't get along with. It was supposed to be the worst scenario Umehara could find himself in, but he begins to have a crush on Mizue and cannot tell anyone about it. Suddenly Mizue asks Umehara to draw a picture of him... !! The feelings into his paintbrush, to draw a picture of him... !! The them end up spending time alone in the art room after school to do with the feelings for Mizue that he can't suppress! a romantic midsummer adolescent love story!

僕の恋の話・ヒメゴト[そのいち]

Boku no Koi no Hanashi Himegoto [Chapter 1]

sigh
IT'S SO DAMNED HOT...
I'M STUCK OUT HERE IN THIS GOD-AWFUL HUMIDITY.
YEAH, IT'S SWEL-TERING
WEEDING WITH A CLASSMATE I DON'T GET ALONG WITH.
.....
.....

MIZUE IS THE RESIDENT CLASS MOOD-MAKER,
I, ON THE OTHER HAND, AM NOT MUCH OF A TALKER.
IT SEEMS THAT HE EVEN STOLE A FRIEND-OF-A-FRIEND'S GIRLFRIEND
HE'S ALSO RUMORED TO BE SECRETLY INVOLVED WITH A DANGEROUS ORGANIZATION OUT OF SCHOOL...
MY EARS ARE FILLED WITH LOADS OF NASTY RUMOURS ABOUT HIM
AT FIRST GLANCE, HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD GUY, MAYBE JUST
THE POINT DIVED...
OH SHIT, THIS IS BAD
JEEZ I BETTER RINSE THIS OUT...
SHOULDN'T HAVE PURPOSELY GONE OUTSIDE TO DRAW TODAY
tap
tap
tap
tap
Wozh!
Uwah!
Hmph!

NO RUNNING IN THE HALLWAY
...
UMEHARA
...
MIZUE
...
I'M SORRY, ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH, I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SAYING SORRY!
AS PUNISHMENT, YOU TWO WILL BE WEEDING THE SHRUBBERY GROWING BEHIND THE WEST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING!
JUST GREAT
WAS A FATHER'S DAY PRESENT THE TEACHER GOT FROM HIS DAUGHTER...
THE TIE MY OIL PAINT COVERED PAINTBRUSH HIT
I'M REALLY DOWN ON LUCK...
SIGH
IT'S BEEN SO HUMID RECENTLY THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF THAT AREA HAS REALLY BEEN NEGLECTED!
RUSTLE

STOP TEXTING!
beep
beep
IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE I'M PREJUDICED AGAINST HIM.
BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN GET ALONG WITH HIM
I'VE ACTUALLY GOT AN APPOINTMENT TODAY...
I SEE...
Hey.
Are you sure you shouldn't be goin' for it then?!
YEAH.
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M MAILING TO CANCEL THE APPOINTMENT NOW.

It's okay, you should just go!
It's not alright!
Isn't it an appointment you were speeding down the hallway to go for?
I can weed the rest of this grass by myself!
NAH, IT'S ALRIGHT.

Grin
YOU'RE A NICE GUY, UMEHARA...

FRANKLY SPEAKING, IT'S FEELS KINDA SUFFOCATING TO BE HERE ALONE WITH YOU.
I'LL FEEL A LOT MORE AT EASE IF I'M ALONE.

IMPA-
TIENT
I DIDN'T SAY ALL THAT BECAUSE I WAS THINKING FOR YOU
BUT WHEN YOU DIRECTED THAT HUGE GRIN AT ME.
IT'S REALLY NOT AS IMPORTANT AN APPOINTMENT AS YOU THINK
I'LL STAY TO GO THROUGH WITH THE PUNISHMENT
IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M THE BAD GUY HERE.

MIZUE'S WORLD IS ALWAYS LIVELY.

I'M SURE IT'S BECAUSE HE'S ABLE TO SHOW THAT KIND OF SMILE TO ANYONE EASILY.

BOW
I'm really sorry, sir!
HEY YOU GUYS, SINCE IT'S LOOKIN' PRETTY GOOD OUT THERE, YOU CAN GO NOW!
O-KAY!
Taking advantage of the opportunity...
ME TOO... I'M SORRY, NEXT TIME I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL
HO HO
NEXT TIME WHEN YOU'RE IN A HURRY, MAKE A BRISK WALK INSTEAD!

WELL, YOU'RE PRETTY ENERGETIC.
Splash
IT WAS SO HOT..
BUT THE WATER'S SO WARM!!!
AAHH ---
Right back at you!
FWaa SH
Take this!
Splish
Oh!
Wah.
you're getting me all dirty!
Shwe Shwe Shwe

Aha haha haha
Splash
Yeah. Well take that again!
SQUIRT
Ah!
Right back at...
Splash
AH!
IT'S A RAIN-BOW.
YOU MADE ONE.

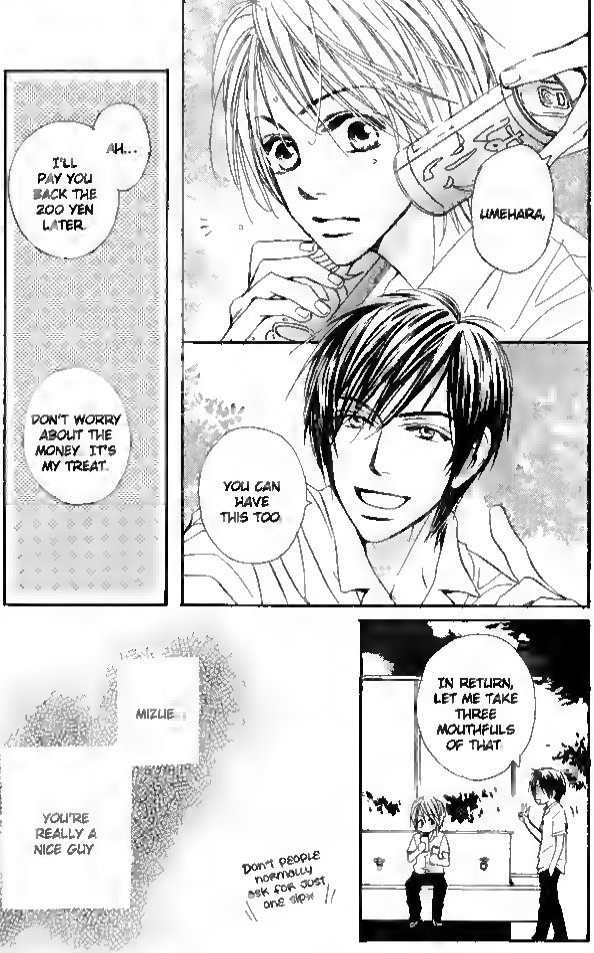
WHAT ARE WE, CHILDREN?
—YEAH, CHILDREN...
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY?
OH YEAH, WAIT THERE FOR A BIT, UMEHARA
What?
dash
Hey! Mizue!
sigh

HE WAS EASIER TO TALK TO THAN I EXPECTED.
THINGS LIKE
STEALING SOMEONE'S GIRLFRIEND
AND BEING INVOLVED WITH SHADY ORGANIZATIONS
RUMOURS ARE RUMOURS, YOU NEVER KNOW IF THEY'RE TRUE,
BUT HIS UNEXPECTED SMILING FACE CAUSED MY HEART TO RACE, EVEN THOUGH I'M OF THE SAME SEX
THE GIRLS WOULD DEFINITELY BE ATTRACTED TO HIM...
SHOCK
Gah!!
UMEHARA, ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?!

Th-that water's c-cold...
Come on
GOOD, YOU'RE STILL ENERGETIC.
HERE, TRY ONE
Yogurt Flavoured
Cola
Tea
WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT?
I HAD 300 YEN IN MY POCKET
SOMEHOW I'M FEELING THIRSTY. THE CHOICES ARE KIND OF TRICKY, TOO.
WHY ARE THERE THREE?
SO I PRESSED 3 BUTTONS IN ONE BREATH
100 yen each
I'LL COME ON THE OTHER
TEA'S GOOD
AH, I LIKE TEA TOO
.....

"GEH"?
No.
I'M GOOD, THANKS!
I totally love sweet things! ★
All right!
WE'LL SHARE THE TEA
AFTER THAT I'LL TAKE THE CIDER AND YOU CAN HAVE THE YOGHURT-FLAVOURED ONE
GEH!

WHATEVER'S FINE.
FOR THE TIME BEING I'M JUST GRATEFUL FOR THIS COOLNESS.
Sigh.


LIMEHARA,
YOU CAN HAVE THIS TOO.
AH...
I'LL PAY YOU BACK THE 200 YEN LATER.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MONEY. IT'S MY TREAT.
IN RETURN, LET ME TAKE THREE MOUTHFULS OF THAT.
MIZUE
YOU'RE REALLY A NICE GUY
Don't people normally ask for just one bite?

SNAP
OH
WELL, THAT'S MUSIC TO MY EARS
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE FIZZING OVER AFTER ALL MY RUNNING AROUND...
TOO BAD
IT DIDN'T GET SHAKEN UP.
I'D HAVE WANTED TO SEE THAT HAPPEN.
SO MUCH THAT IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE IT'S A SHAME NOT TO HAVE INTERACTED WITH YOU EARLIER

ゴクッ
ゴクッ

Calm down. calm down.
Aww, he's cheeky
KISS
WHAT AM I GETTING ALL MESMERIZED OVER?...
THAT WAS GOOD! ♡
SIGH
UMEHARA, LEAVE THREE MOUTHFULS OF THAT FOR ME TOO
I NEED TO GET RID OF THE CIDER TASTE
No way.
you drank it all?! All that cider?!
It was my enough for me
YEP.
empty

AND I'LL END WITH SOME REFRESHING TEA
Give me some, okay?~
So calming...
Bedump
shara
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WATCH ME SO CLOSELY. I PROMISE I'LL ONLY TAKE 3 SMALL GULPS.
I WASN'T WATCHING.
Drink as much as you want!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 3 GULPS ANYWAY?
I'M SURE YOU UNDER-STAND.
...THIS IS BAD.

I BEGAN TO THINK OF IT AS AN INDIRECT KISS

I SAW A LOT OF YOUR HIDDEN SIDES TODAY, UMEHARA
HUH?
YOU FELT LIKE A VERY QUIET KIND OF GUY
I SEE..
IT FELT LIKE... WE BELONGED TO TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS
GCHAK
Uh... They're BIG Glasses
IN ALL HONESTY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE A PRETTY CREEPY GUY BEFORE
What. me?!
hand turned

BEING WITH YOU IS FUN.
I THINK I'M PRETTY MUCH THE KIND YOU THINK I AM.
I WISH WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW EACH OTHER MUCH EARLIER.
NOPE, YOU'RE NOT.

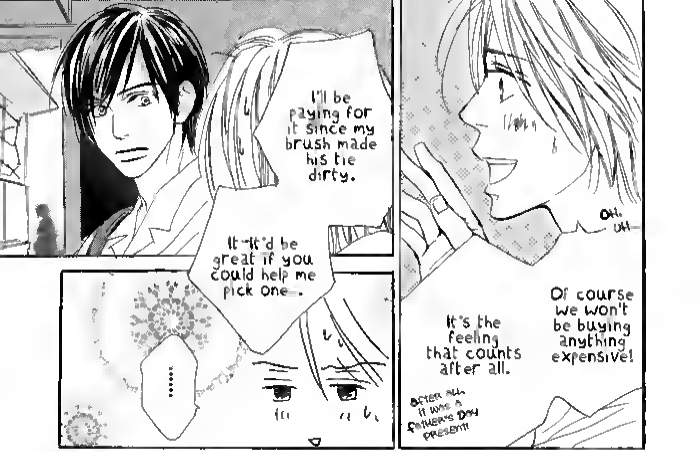
YEAH
I THINK SO TOO
SQUEEZE
THAT WAS LAME!
UH, YEAH...
CHUCKLE
Why does this sound like we're confessing to each other?!

SINCE OUR SHIRTS HAVE DRIED ALREADY, WE SHOULD BE HEADING HOME SOON.
WHICH DO YOU TAKE HOME, UMEHARA? TRAIN, BUS, OR BIKE?
UME-HARA?
Huh?
Ahh...
TRAIN...
OH, LET'S GO TOGETHER!

IT'S STRANGE
JUST TWO OR THREE HOURS AGO, I COULDN'T GET ALONG WITH MIZUE...
RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIM
WHY ARE YOU RUBBING YOUR JAW?
MY MOLARS ARE HURTING
MAYBE IT'S A CAVITY.
NAH... THAT'S NOT IT, THIS IS...

IT'S EXACTLY WHAT I FELT THE TIME I GOT MY FIRST GIRLFRIEND
I REMEMBER THIS FEELING
AH, A TEXT MESSAGE.
Click Tap Click
IS IT FROM THE PERSON YOU SUDDENLY CANCELED THE APPOINTMENT WITH?
AH,
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I CAN SETTLE IT ANYTIME
NAH, IT'S NOTHING IMPORTANT.
SO IT WAS AN IMPORTANT APPOINT-MENT

CELL PHONE...
HEY, MIZUE
YEAH?
ER...
UHH...
TOMORROW!
ARE YOU FREE SATURDAY... OR SUNDAY?
AH, I'VE PROBABLY GOT SOME SPARE TIME
REALLY?! WELL THEN,
WHY DON'T WE
GO BUY A NECKTIE?
...FOR THE TEACHER, RIGHT?
YEAH


I'll be paying for it since my brush made his tie dirty.
It-It'd be great if you could help me pick one...
.....
Oh, uh
Of course we won't be buying anything expensive!
It's the feeling that counts after all.
After all it was a Father's Day present!!!

SURE!
I'LL COVER HALF OF IT
LIME'S SUCH A SWEETIE...
I'M NOT A 'SWEETIE'
THE NECKTIE WAS JUST AN EXCUSE TO ASK MIZUE OUT
OI ONLY THOUGHT OF IT WHEN THE 'TAI' IN CELL PHONE REMINDED ME OF IT JUST NOW :)
Note: Cell phone in Japanese is Keitai. Necktie in Japanese is Nekutai
The 'tai' in Keitai is similar to the 'tai' in Nekutai. Hence, Umehara draws her pink :)

I KILLED THREE, NO, FOUR BIRDS WITH ONE STONE BY MAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM.
...I'LL CALL YOU 30 MINUTES BEFOREHAND THEN
JUST IN CASE I OVERSLEEP, LET ME APOLOGIZE FIRST
OKAY, WE'LL MEET AT THE SOUTH TICKET GATE AT 11 O'CLOCK THEN
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW
SO SEE YOU
MY HOME IS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION,
NATURALLY, WE HAD TO EXCHANGE PHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES.

TO MIZUE, I'M SURE OUR APPOINTMENT TOMORROW'S ALSO SOMETHING THAT'S "NOT-IMPORTANT AND COULD-BE SETTLED ANYTIME" THOUGH
OH.
HE'S OUT.
HE'S AN IDIOT.
TODAY'S WEEDING PUNISHMENT WITH ME WAS MADE MORE IMPORTANT
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, MIZUE'S FRIEND, BUT I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME

IT'S NOT LIKE HE WAS DOING IT FOR ME ANYWAY...
IT'S BECOME SO UNAPPETIZINGLY WARM ALREADY...
Gulp
WAIT

HE WAS BEAUTIFUL
MIZUE
puff
Haaaa

IT TASTES DISGUSTING...

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MAYBE WE SHOULD GET HIM SOME SWEET BEAN JELLY OR SOMETHING,
INSTEAD OF A NECKTIE?
THOSE CHEAPER ONES
IT WAS THE INCIDENT WHEN MY OIL PAINT COVERED BRUSH DAMAGED THE TEACHER'S FAVOURITE NECKTIE
IN MY OPINION, ALL WE REALLY NEED TO DO IS GIVE HIM OUR SINCEREST APOLOGIES AND EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINE
I MEAN, HE IS A TEACHER AFTER ALL
I ASKED MIZUE OUT BY USING BUYING A NEW NECKTIE FOR THE TEACHER AS AN EXCUSE...
I'M SURE HE'D BE EMBARRASSED IF A "STUDENT HAD TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR PERSONAL THINGS."
AH
I DIDN'T THINK OF IT TO THAT EXTENT.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CARED VERY MUCH ABOUT THE NECKTIE
I JUST...
COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BETTER TO CALL YOU OUT FOR.
BY THE WAY, AREN'T YOU IN THE ART CLUB, LIMEHARA?

WELL SOMETHING LIKE THAT
THERE ARE ONLY 3 MEMBERS THOUGH
SO, I TAKE IT YOU LIKE PAINTING?
HH-HHH

"YOU LIKE PAINTING?"
I JUST FIND IT...
STIMULATING
IT FEELS WONDERFUL TO PUT COLOR AFTER COLOR ON AN EMPTY WHITE CANVAS AND GRADUALLY SEE A PICTURE FORM
?
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU LIKE IT?
I GUESS
THE WORD 'LIKE' SAID IN MIZUE'S VOICE RUMINATES WITHIN MY MIND

IT'S NICE TO BE DEVOTED TO SOMETHING WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND SOUL.
IT GAVE THE WORD SUCH A FRIGHTFULLY WONDERFUL RING.
I'M ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE 'GO HOME AFTER SCHOOL' CLUB—
WHAT ABOUT YOU, ANY CLUB ACTIVITIES?
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
HE SQUISHED IT?
SQUISH
I WAS IN THE BRASS BAND DURING MY SOPHOMORE YEAR.
BUT I QUIT
SOMEHOW, YOU KIND OF LOSE TOUCH OF IT AFTER A WHILE

Is there a trash can somewhere?
DID HE QUIT BECAUSE HE GOT TIRED OF IT?
I WANT TO ASK HIM ABOUT IT,
BUT
IS IT SOMETHING I CAN ASK HIM ABOUT?
OR BECAUSE HE HAD A FIGHT WITH HIS SENPAI?
AH, AN E-MAIL
YOU GET A LOT OF E-MAILS.
IS THAT SO?
I DON'T REALLY SEND OUT THAT MANY THOUGH...
.....
IS...
IS IT... YOUR GIRL-FRIEND ...
OR SOMETHING?

"WE'RE NOT GOING OUT WITH EACH OTHER BUT "

"IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE IF WE REALLY ENDED UP IN THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP "

HEY
LOOKS LIKE I WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE SWEET BEAN JELLY
HE EVEN APOLOGIZED ABOUT MAKING US DO WEEDING AS A PUNISHMENT INSTEAD
MAN, IT WAS SCORCHING HOT AS HELL THEN
WITH THIS, WE'RE PROBABLY OUR TEACHER'S FAVORITE PUPILS
I DIDN'T GO ALL THE WAY OUT FOR THAT
HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT SO LITERALLY!
YOU'RE BEING TOO SERIOUS, UMEHARA
DAMN IT! I ACCIDENTALLY
I JUST WANTED TO CORRECT MIZUE ABOUT THE FACT THAT IT WAS HIS FAVOUR THAT I WANTED NOT THE TEACHER'S

SORRY. I WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT
HIS FACE IS SO CLOSE!!
Wh-
What the?!
I JUST THOUGHT I MUST HAVE SAID SOMETHING THAT HURT YOUR FEELINGS
MIZUE !
I BROUGHT YOU THE CD I WAS TALKING ABOUT!
O-OH!
You said nothing like that!
I was just spacing out. that's all!
REALLY?

IT DIDN'T MATTER TO MIZUE THAT

WE WERE AT A DISTANCE WHERE OUR BREATHS COULD TOUCH

TO HIM, IT'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF "JUST BEING FRIENDS"

I'M THE ONLY ONE GETTING SO TENSED UP OVER IT,

LIKE AN IDIOT

sigh

AFTER ALL, HE'S AT EASE EVEN WITH THE GIRLS
WHY WOULD A MALE FRIEND MAKE HIM NERVOUS AT ALL?
C'mon, stop it already!
A GIRL WHOM IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE FOR HIM TO END UP IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMEDAY
SO BASICALLY, THAT MEANS IT'S A GIRL HE'S THE CLOSEST TO NOW, RIGHT?

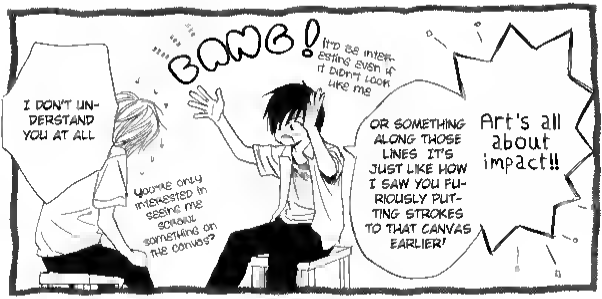
splish
splish
splish
splot ch
splot

YOU'RE QUITE AN ARTIST.
rattle
Paaaa
Poooo
AH IT'S THE BRASS BAND

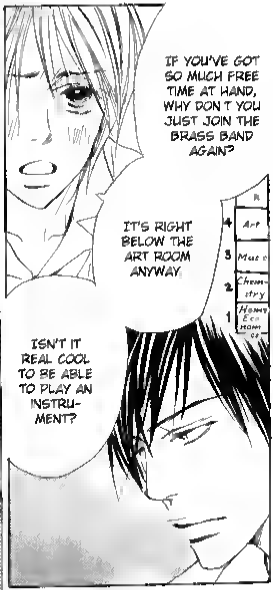
MI...
MIZUE
YOU'RE WORKING HARD, UMEHARA
THE ART ROOM IS SOME THING NEW TO ME
YOU— HOW LONG WERE YOU WATCHING!?
FOR THAT MATTER, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
Art Room
Art Preparation Room
Hallway
Library
Veranda
I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE LIBRARY TO RETURN A BOOK.
AND I REMEMBERED ABOUT THE ART CLUB
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE HERE

SO YOU ACTUALLY READ BOOKS, MIZUE
THAT'S A LITTLE SURPRISING
EVEN THOUGH I LOOK LIKE THIS I'M QUITE THE BOOK-ORIENTATED PERSON, YOU KNOW
I'm sure you must think I'm STUPID, don't you?
Well, actually...
ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON I LOOK LIKE TO YOU...
I SEE THE LIBRARY, HUH
IN OTHER WORDS
HE CAME TO MEET ME!?
Maybe I'm reading too much into this... It's just a book's sense...
I'm reading too much into this...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY ISN'T ANYBODY HERE?
WHERE ARE THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS?
THERE IS ANOTHER FIRST YEAR GIRL BUT SHE ONLY COMES BY ONCE OR TWICE IN A WEEK
THERE ARE NO SERIOUS PROJECTS THAT NEED TO BE DONE EXCEPT WHEN THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER ANYWAY

PRETTY FLEXIBLE CLUB YOU'RE IN
IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE I JOINED IT
ALL THANKS TO THAT, I CAN SPEND MY TIME DOING STUFF I WANT TO DO, LIKE NOW
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US MIZUE?
hmm
I THINK IF YOU KNEW JUST HOW CRAPPY MY DRAWING SKILLS ARE, YOU WOULDN'T TRY PERSUADING ME TO JOIN THE CLUB EVEN AS A JOKE
I'm not bragging.
WOBBLE
PUTTING THAT ASIDE, DRAW A PAINTING OF ME, UMEHARA!
EH!!?
YOU KNOW, LIKE ONE OF THOSE PORTRAITS THOSE IMPORTANT PEOPLE HAVE
That's impossible! I'm horrible at portraits!
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO LOOK LIKE ME
WHAT KIND OF MEANING WOULD THAT ART PIECE HAVE IF IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE YOU -?


I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU AT ALL
BANG!
It'd be interesting even if it didn't look like me
You're only interested in seeing me screw something on the canvas?
OR SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES IT'S JUST LIKE HOW I SAW YOU FURIOUSLY PUTTING STROKES TO THAT CANVAS EARLIER!
Art's all about impact!!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
WHY?
BECAUSE MY EARS WERE DAMAGED


IF YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH FREE TIME AT HAND, WHY DON'T YOU JUST JOIN THE BRASS BAND AGAIN?
IT'S RIGHT BELOW THE ART ROOM ANYWAY.
ISN'T IT REAL COOL TO BE ABLE TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?
R.
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MY EARDRUMS ARE WEAK SO LOUD SOUNDS WOULD BE BAD FOR THEM.
THERE'S NOT A PROBLEM WHEN IT COMES TO THE NORMAL SOUNDS WE HEAR EVERY-DAY,
BUT IT BECOMES A PROBLEM WHEN I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THAT NOISE THE BAND CREATES.
A HANDICAP
AH
UM

OH WELL.
MIZUE,
THAT
IT'S NOT LIKE YOUTH DEPENDED ON CLUB ACTIVITIES
CLICK
BESIDES I NEVER REALLY DID IT BECAUSE I LIKED IT FROM THE START
IT WAS AN ALBUM OF SLIGHTLY BITTERSWEET
MEMORIES

HE TALKED ABOUT IT LIKE IT WASN'T ANYTHING IMPORTANT BUT...
HE SOUNDED SO STIFF
AH, THIS IS NO GOOD. IT'S SUCH A GLOOMY THING TO TALK ABOUT.
LET'S END THIS!
WHICH INSTRUMENT...
WERE YOU IN CHARGE OF?
THE BASS TROMBONE

THANK GOODNESS HE'S FINALLY THE SAME OLD MIZUE AGAIN
YOU'RE AMAZING TO BE ABLE TO PROPERLY PLAY 'DO RE MI' WITH THAT!
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT'S LIKE A TRUMPET BUT...
DON'T CALL IT A TRUMPET..
THE BIG SET ONE
YOU KNOW, THE ONE THAT GIVES OFF A REALLY LOW SOUND.
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE BASS TROMBONE?
O-OH, THAT REALLY LONG TRUMPET?
PUS
I MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES TOO
YOU HAVE TO PRACTICE OF COURSE
I'D TRY TO PLAY A LOW 'DO' NOTE BUT I'D GET PEEEEEP INSTEAD
PEE EEO E- PEE EEO OP
PEOPLE LIKE ME GET THE NOTES WRONG EVEN WHEN USING A RECORDER.
BUT EVEN IF YOU DON'T HIT THE NOTES RIGHT, THE POSE YOU HAVE DURING A PERFORMANCE IS REALLY COOL ISN'T IT?
RUSHE

I'D TAKE A POSITION LIKE THIS
YEAH
IT'S REALLY COOL
OOOPS!

Shit...
I said that out loud!!
Wh-what I meant to say was that it's something that could be "made into a pic-ture"...!
Wands eye contact
HE HE HE
ARE YOU A RETARD ?!
DID YOU JUST ADMIT THE FACT THAT I'M ATTRAC-TIVE?
UMEHARA .... ♡

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU I'D BE YOUR MODEL
NO THANK YOU
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE SUCH A FEEL SAD ABOUT IT

THIS IS BAD THIS IS DEFINITELY BAD I WANT TO DRAW HIM BUT I CAN'T
EVEN IF HE TELLS ME IT'S ALL RIGHT TO STARE AT HIM ALL I WANT

I WONDER WHY
ON BOTH ACCOUNTS
I DON'T KNOW HOW MIZUE WOULD LOOK LIKE FROM MY EYES
BUT JUST THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME REALIZE IT'S A VERY BAD IDEA.
LIKE THAT ONE TIME
AND JUST NOW

UM, UMEHARA?
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO MULL OVER SO SERIOUSLY—IS IT?
SIGH
WHAT SHIME. ★
I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT I'D LOOK LIKE IN A PICTURE YOU DRAW OF ME.
ARE YOU A NARCISSIST?
NOT REALLY. IT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE TO BE A PICTURE OF ME
—SO WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?
HMM.
I MEAN, I CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD ART AFTER ALL
HOW ABOUT A DOODLE?

A DOODLE
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE A GLOOMY OR CHEERFUL PERSON, UMEHARA,
AND I'D ALWAYS MUSE ABOUT THAT WHEN WE'RE TALKING.
EARLIER TODAY, WHEN I WAS SNEAKING A PEEK AT YOU DOING YOUR WORK I SAW YOU SITTING THERE ALONE, QUIETLY.
THE MOMENT I STARTED TO WONDER IF YOU WERE DRAWING SOMETHING,
YOU WOULD JAB FURIOUSLY AT THE CANVAS WITH YOUR BRUSH ALL OF A SUDDEN AND STOP JUST AS ABRUPTLY.
I, UM... THAT WAS...
SOMEHOW IT GAVE ME THE FEELING THAT YOU'D DRAW ME SOMETHING REALLY SUPERB!

What do you mean? What's wrong with this shirt?
I won't tell someone with such a strange fashion sense in shirts any thing
HMPH
A CHILD WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO UNDER-STAND MY ART
Did you just call me a kid?!
I HAD THE URGE TO LET MIZUE KNOW THAT THE CAUSE OF ALL MY MOOD SWINGS...
WAS HIM
MY FEELINGS FOR HIM WILL INTENSIFY
SURELY, WITH EACH STROKE OF THE BRUSH

I CAN'T LET ANYONE KNOW
I CAN'T LET ANYONE KNOW ABOUT ALL THESE WRONG FEELINGS I HAVE FOR HIM.

LIMEHARA, YOU SEEM TO STARE AT PEOPLE A LOT
surprised
glance
W-Why are you staring at me?!
Didn't you start it first?!
Ugh!
SAD
IT REALLY MAKES ME WONDER,
HOW I'M REFLECTED LIKE IN THOSE EYES

SO THINGS LIKE PALM READING, FACE READING, AND FORTUNE TELLING AS WELL?
UH HUH, I LIKE THOSE TOO
YOU'RE LIKE A GIRL!
SHUT UP!
AH, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN ASTROLOGY OR STUFF LIKE THAT.
I REALLY WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING.
YOU KNOW,
LIKE THEY SAY, THERE ARE FACES OF YOURSELF THAT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT.
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT...
THEY ALSO SAY YOU CAN FIND OUT ALL ABOUT YOUR INNER SELF THROUGH ART.
MIZUE...
DO YOU LIKE PSYCHOLOGY TESTS AND STUFF LIKE THAT?
YEAH, I DO.
SO HE LIKES ALL KINDS OF ANIMALS...
YEAH, I LIKE THEM TOO
CATS?
WHAT ABOUT DOGS?
UH HUH, I LIKE THEM.
HEY, WHAT IS THIS, SOME KIND OF TEST?
HEH HEH
MAAAYBE..

Ah? Juicy?
Ah? Juicy?
HOW ABOUT
!
THE BASS TROM-BONE?
YOU'RE A REALLY SHARP GUY, UMEHARA
.....
AHHH
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE TOTALLY LOST TO YOU...
YOU'RE ONE SCARY GUY...
Ume's so cute!
AW WHY?
YES, I DO LIKE IT.

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS TRYING TO SOUND OUT YOUR INNER SELF
YOU'RE WRONG, MIZUE
I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...
I REALLY WANT YOU TO DRAW A PICTURE OF ME
HEY, UME-HARA,
...IT'S JUST THAT I WANTED TO HEAR YOU SAY...
THE WORD "LIKE" IN FRONT OF ME MANY, MANY TIMES

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